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DATE: April 17, 2008
TO: Gordon Wenk, Acting Deputy Director
FROM: John Tilden
SUBJECT: Bi-weekly Bovine TB Update

Iosco Circle Testing Update

75 herds tested (83% of total)
9 herds scheduled
2 herds referred to compliance due to refusal to test
4 newly discovered herds needing visit or follow-up visit
90 herds total

Shiawassee County Testing

107 cattle herds tested (72% of total)
31 herds scheduled
10 awaiting scheduling
148 potential cattle herds identified

11 locations requiring verification as to whether or not they have cattle

Communications

An informational meeting for livestock producers in the Shiawassee County circle testing area was held April 17th from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. in Bennington Township Hall, 5849 S. M-52 Owosso, Michigan. The meeting was hosted by Shiawassee County Michigan Farm Bureau. MDA and Department of Natural Resources staff updated livestock producers and answered their questions. Staff thanked local producers and private practice veterinarians for their hard work and progress to date possible. Topics of interest to producers included: the availability of disease control permits, as well as potential changes in testing and movement certificate requirements. Producers who had not yet scheduled testing were encouraged to schedule a testing date while at the meeting.